

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A mobile terminal, comprising:
a control unit;
a display unit;
an upper housing;
a lower housing; and
a 2-axis hinge unit for coupling the housings;[[,]]
wherein a part of said 2-axis hinge unit is exposed outside the terminal, and an information input device is mounted in the exposed portion; and
wherein the information input device is a pointing device.

2. (original) The terminal according to claim 1,
wherein

the control unit controls the terminal according to an operation of the information input device.

3. (original) The terminal according to claim 1,
wherein

the control unit assigns a predetermined function to the information input device.

4. canceled.

5. (currently amended) The terminal according to claim [[4]]1, wherein

the control unit assigns another operating function to the pointing device.

6. (currently amended) The terminal according to claim [[4]]1, wherein

the information input device further comprises a terminal operating function.

7. (original) The terminal according to claim 6, wherein

the terminal operating function is performed by a press.

8. (original) The terminal according to claim 1, wherein

the information input device is a fingerprint sensor.

9. (original) The terminal according to claim 8, wherein

the control unit can operate the terminal when the fingerprint sensor detects a predetermined input.

10. (original) The terminal according to claim 1, further comprising

position detection means for detecting relative positions between the upper housing and the lower housing.

11. (original) The terminal according to claim 10,
wherein

the control unit controls the terminal based on an
output of the position detection means.

12. (original) The terminal according to claim 11,
wherein

the control unit controls an operation of the
information input device.

13. (original) The terminal according to claim 10,
wherein

the position detection means comprise a magnet and a
magnetic sensor.

14. (original) The terminal according to claim 13,
wherein

the magnet and the magnetic sensor are arranged in
separate housings.

15. (original) The terminal according to claim 13,
wherein

the magnetic sensor is a Hall element.

16. (original) The terminal according to claim 10,
wherein

the position detection means detect a turning direction
of the housings.

17. (original) The terminal according to claim 16,
wherein

the control unit controls the display unit based on the turning direction of the housings.

18. (original) The terminal according to claim 2, wherein

the control unit detects an operation of a predetermined operation key to control an operation of the information input device.

19. (original) The terminal according to claim 18, wherein

the control unit controls an operation of the information input device while a predetermined operation key is operated.

20. (original) The terminal according to claim 1, comprising

a lock unit for locking said 2-axis hinge unit.

21. (original) The terminal according to claim 20, wherein

the lock unit is controlled by an input from the information input device.

22. (original) The terminal according to claim 21, wherein

the information input device is a personal authentication sensor; and

the lock unit is released when the sensor detects a predetermined input.

23. (original) The terminal according to claim 22,
wherein

the personal authentication sensor is a fingerprint
sensor.

24. (original) The terminal according to claim 1,
wherein

the terminal is a mobile telephone.

25. (new) The mobile terminal of claim 1, wherein
the two axes of the 2-axis hinge are a folding axis and a
rotation axis, the upper housing, the lower housing, and the
2-axis hinge being constructed and arranged so that an end
face of the 2-axis hinge on the horizontal axis is exposed to
an outside of the mobile terminal both when the mobile
terminal is in an open position and when the mobile terminal
is in a closed position.

26. (new) The mobile terminal of claim 25, wherein
the end face is exposed on a side face of the lower housing.

27. (new) The mobile terminal of claim 26, wherein
the pointing device is arranged on the end face of the 2-axis
hinge.

28. (new) A mobile terminal, comprising:
a lower housing;

a 2-axis hinge the connected to the lower housing;

an upper housing connected to the 2-axis hinge;

a display unit disposed on the upper housing;

a control unit; and

a button operatively connected to the control unit for user input;

wherein a part of said 2-axis hinge unit is exposed outside the terminal, and the button is mounted in the exposed portion.